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FORECAST: Fair with variable clouds.

	A	B	C	D
Jerusalem	61	64	65	64
Tel Aviv	64	68	69	68
Haifa	67	70	71	70
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(A) Humidity at 8 p.m. 61  
Minimum 59 (C) Maximum 65  
Yesterday 61-65  
Expected today.

# ARRIVALS

Mr. Charles Jordan, Director of A.J.C.C. Overseas Operations in Paris and Dr. W. Schmidt, Medical Director of A.J.C.C. Paris, for consultations with Government and Maltese officials.

Dr. P. Nimschewsky, President of the Jewish Community in Uruguay and Chairman of the Keren Hayesod Court of Honor in that country.

Mr. Ephraim Margalit, Director of the Keren Hayesod in France.

# DEPARTURES

General and Mme. André Martin, for Paris, after short visit for the annual conference of newspaper editors.

Dr. J. Aron, Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, for London.

Mr. Robert Benjamin, Chairman of United Artists Film Co., with his wife for Europe, after a week's visit (all by El Al).

Mr. and Mrs. Dore Schary and son and daughter, for Rome after a fortnight's visit (by El Al).

Mr. Dan Pines, editor of "Omert", for Amsterdam, to take part in annual conference of newspaper editors.

Mr. G. Strauss, Acting Director of USOM, for Rome, after completing his tour of duty (by LAD).

AN OFFICER and five men of the Italian steamer, Cupido were fined IL75 each in Haifa last Friday for having been found in unauthorized possession of immigrants' personal effects.

THE JERUSALEM Municipality's office registering children of kindergarten age will close tomorrow. From Sunday next a registration office will be open daily at the Sokolov School, Rehov Rav Kook, between 8 and 7 p.m., Fridays excepted.

DEPARTING on Tuesday via Swissair, destination, Belgrade, are the two cats left behind by the former British Ambassador, Sir John Nicholson. Sir John has been posted to the Yugoslav capital.

# Large Attendance At Mass for Tabitha

By CHRIS ELIOU  
TEL AVIV, Sunday.—About 2,000 members of the Russian, Greek and Arab Orthodox communities gathered this morning at St. Peter's Russian Church in Abu Kheir to celebrate the annual Feast of the Blessed Tabitha.

The ceremony was held in the tomb where Tabitha who, according to the Acts of the Apostles, was raised from the dead by St. Peter, is believed to be buried.

The holy mass was conducted jointly by the Metropolitan of Nazareth and Exarch of all Galilee, Archbishop Idoros, and the Chief of the Russian Orthodox Mission, Archbishop Pimen. A grand liturgy followed the mass in which a score of golden-robed Orthodox priests from all parts of the country participated. Several hundred of the worshippers followed the procession around the Tomb before.

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# More Subsidies to Reverse Rising Trend in C-o-L Index

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The cost-of-living index is expected to rise by two to three points in April to reach a total of 13 to 14 points above the beginning of the year, it was learned yesterday from Government economic sources.

In spite of this, the Finance Ministry is hopeful that when the June index is calculated, the cost over the six months will not show a total rise of more than six-and-a-half points.

In order to reduce the index by approximately seven points in May and June, the Ministry is increasing subsidies on food. Last week the price of milk was reduced by 15 pruta per bottle. Summer vegetables become more plentiful the index is expected to show a downward trend.

Though the Histadrut Executive is in principle opposed to "manipulation" of the cost index, they have, it is believed, been convinced by Finance Ministry economists that it would be detrimental for the economy to have an overall rise in salaries this summer. As a result they may not put up too strong a fight against the present subsidy policy.

Vegetables, mainly tomatoes and cucumbers, will probably be subsidized and purchase taxes on potatoes will be maintained. Should this prove insufficient, steps may be taken to bring down the price of eggs.

The Finance Ministry considers that the present subsidy policy is much cheaper for the State than an overall rise in the cost allowance. A rise of 10 pruta per pound at the end of the six month period, would cost approximately IL50m. annually and cause a very serious inflation.

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# Parties Debate Ike's Doctrine

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Israel was not in such a position that it could afford a "political" stance out against U.S. and therefore a joint American-Israeli statement accepting the Eisenhower Doctrine had to be made, Mr. P. Bernstein, President of the General Zionist Party, said here last night.

He and representatives of left and right wing parties were debating the Eisenhower Doctrine at a symposium held at Beit Sokolov.

Mr. Y. Ben Aharon (Ahud Ha'Avoda) and Dr. H. Rubin (Mapam) came out against the Doctrine, claiming that it would neither solve the basic problems of the area, nor serve Israel's interests. The Doctrine only afforded the Western powers a chance for further interference in the Middle East, Mr. Ben Aharon said.

Aluf A. Remes (Mapai) said the Doctrine was important for us as a protection against the Soviet Union. He said that the Doctrine was not a Soviet volunteers' Russia's Orthodox Mission, Archbishop Pimen. A grand liturgy followed the mass in which a score of golden-robed Orthodox priests from all parts of the country participated. Several hundred of the worshippers followed the procession around the Tomb before.

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# 'Indignation Night' In Tel Aviv Council

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV, Sunday.—Indignation Night cost this city IL500,000 in repairs to roads surfaces damaged by tanks, Mayor Haim Levanon told today's Council meeting.

In the course of the meeting, various Councillors expressed their indignation over subjects varying from Ramat Gan's taking on itself the honour of holding the President's Independence Day Garden Party, to pollution of the sea shore, and the renewed mosquito nuisance.

Mr. Levanon announced that the city intended to prepare a special holiday camp for members of its adopted army unit — the Armoured Corps, despite the criticism of the Minister of Interior on extravagant spending.

In answer to a question, he said that the city was negotiating on the fact of the unfinished Nordan Pizam Hotel.

Tel Aviv's Sanitation Department supplies the city hospitals with patients, a discussion on the fact of the sanitation, adding that the city dispensary looked like something out of Dickens' "Oliver Twist".

# Delay in Capital's New Reservoir

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The large reservoir on the outskirts of Jerusalem will not be finished by this summer, Deputy Mayor Mordechai Ish-Shalom told the Municipal Council last night.

He added, however, that the new pipeline from the coastal plain would soon be completed and the existing Roma reservoir.

In a report submitted to the Council, it was noted that 20-35 per cent of the water reaching Jerusalem was "lost" and not registered in water meters. A large amount of this was due to "insensitive" meters and much of the loss was in underground pipes. Steps were being taken to reduce the seepage.

Mr. Mordechai Zar, Mapai, noted that he had examined several of the proposed water meters. A careful check revealed that there had been inaccuracies in the accounts.

# Haifa Council Approves Mayor's May Day Notices

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
HAIFA, Sunday.—May Day celebrations were raised in the Municipal Council this evening by Councillor Z. Zimmerman (General Zionist). He objected to the Mayor's advertisements in three left-wing dailies congratulating the workers on their holiday. He proposed that the advertisements be paid from the Mayor's own salary. The proposal was rejected by the Council.

The Mayor announced that the old mechanical broom (street-cleaning vehicle) had been sold for IL40,000 after several years of use. The money will be spent on better equipment.

The Council also allocated IL40,000 for the clean food campaign. IL40,000 for publication of a guide to Haifa in English and IL20,000 for publication of an album in French for foreign investors.

The Council approved the replacement of Councillor U. Shalom (Mapai), who had resigned, by Mr. Meir Bar-Havai (Mapai).

The Council also unanimously approved a proposal of Mr. G. Kaminka (Progressive) to send congratulations to the State of Justice P. Rosen and the State of Kfar Sham, on their 70th birthdays.

# Looking for Police Jerusalem Drivers

Jerusalem's first road courtesy contest will be initiated this Wednesday and will last till the end of June. Prizes will be distributed to "courteous" drivers selected by a public committee.

During this period the public will be asked to forward the names of those whom they consider to be the drivers of public vehicles most considerate to both passengers and pedestrians, to the secretary of the Jerusalem branch of the National Council for the Prevention of Road Accidents which is sponsoring the contest together with the Municipality. Passengers' transport companies may also submit recommendations regarding their members.

# Building Materials Merchants Fined

Fines ranging from IL50 to IL500 have been imposed on building materials merchants for violations of the regulations governing the use, manufacture and storage of building blocks and roof tiles.

# 3-Month Shura Trial Ends; Verdict After Several Weeks

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The Amos Ben-Gurion v. Shurat Hamitnadiv libel trial came to an end today, three months after it had begun on February 12.

After Mr. M. Caspi, counsel for Mr. Ben-Gurion, completed his three-day summing up, Presiding Judge W. Zeilner announced that "the court will notify both sides of the date of its verdict."

It is expected that it will take several weeks before the decision is given by Judge Zeilner, Kister and Shilo.

In what is said to have been the longest case in the history of the District Court, 42 witnesses appeared for the defendants and 13 for the plaintiff. Mr. Amos Ben-Gurion, Deputy Inspector-General of Police, is claiming IL25,000 damages from four signatories to a Shura booklet entitled "Danger Lurks Within."

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# Hapoel Hoopsters Top French

By CHARLES WEISS, Jerusalem Post Reporter  
The French Army basketball team went down to a 62-66 defeat last night before a national Hapoel selected. Half-time score was 30-24, favour of Hapoel.

The game was the first scheduled event in the Histadrut's new court in Rehov Straus, played before the spectators. It was distinguished by the large number of fouls on both sides. Towards the middle of the second half, the two squads spent most of their time walking back and forth to line-up under one basket or the other.

Referees were Cowli and Paz.

Highest scorer was the French captain, Rene Antoine, a member of the French national team, with 20 points. A Hapoel, Haifa Hapoel, scored 19 points.

Off their Shooting  
The French who seemed to be off their shooting in the first half, came back to forge into the lead 40-38 ten minutes before the end of the game. For most of the period, the difference between the teams never went above two points, and tempers became frayed with the incessant fouling.

At one point, it seemed as if the only way to score was to work the ball in under the basket and wait for some one to tap your wrist. Both sides played a close man-to-man defence.

Before the opening whistle, the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, under whose patronage the game was played, delivered a short address. This was duly translated into French.

He was followed by the commander of the French athletes, General G. Jarrot, whose remarks were translated into Hebrew. The band then played the two national anthems, and the weary basketballers, who had been standing to attention for fully 20 minutes, were finally allowed to get on with the game.

# Yugoslav XI Beats Italy by 6 to 1

BELGRADE, Sunday (Reuters).—Yugoslavia beat Italy, 6-1, in a football international at Zagreb today.

# New Orleans Mayor Here on Visit

Jerusalem Post Staff  
LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday.—Nasser wrote me to apply to the English and French after I protested to him on the destruction of my ancestor's statue, Mr. De Lempereur, Mayor of New Orleans, a descendant of the builder of the Suez Canal, said on arriving here today by L.A.I. for a week's visit.

Mr. Morrison had protested to Abdul Nasser after viewing the destruction of the statue on television, "not as a mayor or a relative, but as an American of French origin." In his letter, Mr. Morrison had stressed the barbaric nature of the deed.

Nasser had speedily replied by mail together with an illustrated pamphlet on "The British and French invasion of Egypt."

The visitor who is touring 10 Middle Eastern countries, also intends to go on to Egypt and most nations demanding for raising the price of water to Negv settlements were questioned by representatives of the settlements and the Jewish Agency at a meeting here today between the latter and Mekorot and Tahal personnel.

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# 500 Immigrants To Development Areas

HAIFA, Sunday.—The 500 Mediterranean arrived this morning with 500 immigrants. The newcomers included 10 doctors and engineers and their families, who will be put up in hotels until suitable employment can be arranged for them.

Some of the newcomers were immediately sent to development areas, while 27 of them asked to join kibbutzim.

THE NATIONAL conference of the Hungarian Immigrants Association, attended by representatives of the 36 branches throughout the country, opened last night at the Association's Social Centre in Tel Aviv with addresses by Mayor Haim Levanon, Dr. E. Marton, President of the World Organization of Hungarian Jews, and Dr. Tauders Ben-Zion, Association President.

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# 3 YEARS FOR GIVING JORDAN INFORMATION

HAIFA, Sunday.—A three year prison term was today imposed on a young villager of Shfar-Am for passing military information to the enemy.

Judge B. Zohar found Muhammad Abdul Jani Antawi, 23, guilty of disclosing to a Jordan Army officer information of military value while in Jordan in August last year. Antawi had left the country without permission.

# MICHAEL ROSENBAUM DIES AGED 55

PETAH TIKVA, Sunday.—Dr. Michael Rosenbaum, Director of the Bacteriological Department of the Kupat Holim, died today at the Beilinson Hospital at the age of 55. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

The funeral will leave the hospital at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

# Lubavitcher Hassidim Missionaries to Elat

ELAT, Sunday.—A group of four Hassidim, dressed in black silk kaftans, broad-brimmed fur hats and white hose, are on an extensive goodwill mission to Elat to encourage religious life in the town.

On their door-to-door visits, mainly to Sephardi immigrants from North Africa, they manage with the proverbial Hassid good humour to strike a note of common interest. The tour is in response to a call by Rabbi Mendel Schneerson, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, to his followers, to travel across the country, establishing contacts with the people.

# Dispute Over Price Of Negev Water

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# Almogi Claims Moller 'Bribed' His Workers

Jerusalem Post Bureau  
HAIFA, Sunday.—A violent attack on Mr. E. Almogi, Managing Director of the Ata textile works, was made tonight by Mr. Y. Almogi, Secretary of the Labour Council and the Council's plenary meeting.

Mr. Almogi charged Mr. Moller, whom he called an autocrat, with preferring some workers to others in order to cause a rift among them all; of "bribing" them, and trying in every way to undermine the work of the Staff Committee.

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## Khrushchev Stages a Comeback

### Party Chief Wooing People Away from Old Guard

By EDWARD CRANKSHAW

LONDON (OPN).—

MOSCOW'S new diplomatic activity, after months of gloom and sulks and raven croakings, would in itself be an indication that the Soviet Government has pulled itself together and sorted itself out after the catastrophic failure of its policy for the satellite, and has once more achieved a unified policy after the confusion of the autumn and the winter. But we can go further than that; the launching of this unified policy coincides with the re-emergence of Mr. Khrushchev, the leading figure in the land. His comeback has been observable inside Russia for just about a month.

For some time after the Hungarian tragedy there was no leading figure. Mr. Khrushchev remained very much in evidence, but he had lost his personal ascendancy. Towards the end of March, however, he began to reappear as good as new.

Willingly or unwillingly he has had to modify some of his views. He has had to qualify his extreme insistence on reversing his pronouncements about different roads to Socialism, to relax in practice his extreme insistence on priority for heavy industry (though he still talks about this at the top of his voice) even to retreat from, or modify, some of his personal domestic policies—e.g. to back-pedal his belief in mass as the universal panacea, to turn his back for the moment on the virgin lands in order to woo the neglected collective farmers in the established food growing areas, to rehabilitate Professor Trofim Lysenko, the scientist whom he once bitterly denounced. But, with these modifications, he has been back again, appearing on top of the world and speaking with all his old authority, and more besides.

#### Industrial Shake-Up

More besides, because he has now taken Soviet industry under his wing. The colossal industrial reorganization, involving the abolition of some 30 industrial and construction Ministries, is publicly laid to his credit—though it is equally well laid to his discredit that the Government Party decisions for industry are being presented as the Khrushchev Theses. Almost simultaneously, as the Party colleagues were determined to give a public vote of confidence on the man who was responsible above all others for the satellite's economic and recent unrest in the Soviet Union, he was invested with the Order of Lenin and his second Hammer and Sickle medal. In short, it is through Khrushchev that the Soviet leadership is seeking to reassert its authority over the country. And Khrushchev himself has been assisting in this process, with a remarkable show of energy, by stamping the country with a major speech-making tour.

What emerges from this, it seems to me, is that no matter what some of his colleagues may think of Khrushchev's character, his past errors, they regard him as indispensable.



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able. Once more he has become the domestic figurehead. While Bulganin talks in measured periods to the world, Khrushchev talks familiarly to the Russians, and in a style that is all his own. He is evidently regarded as the one man who can save the Party as the ruling caste of the Soviet Union.

#### Different Face

And in this context it is important to record that Khrushchev speaking at home about domestic matters produces a very different impression from Khrushchev abroad attacking Western Socialists and prophesying the doom of capitalist society—just as the face presented by the leadership as a whole at home in Russia is, and all through this jumpy winter has been, a great deal more genial than the face presented to the world as a whole and the satellites in particular.

Khrushchev is clearly out to woo the Soviet people. Making three separate speeches to his agriculturalists, each full of the most detailed advice and instructions ranging from the proper use of manure to the employment of pigs as potato lifters, each full of racy jokes and proverbs, each delivered in a blunt, man-to-man style, each containing long-handed attacks on this or that of the old guard, the unrepentant Minister in Moscow, Khrushchev has been putting himself over more clearly than ever before as the leader of the Communist Party and the father of the people. He appears to take the audience into his confidence; he is not afraid of being loud; he admits past mistakes and brushes them away as unimportant, or as so much experience won and paid for the hard way; he flatters outrageously the lowest in the land; he disparages the highest; he threatens to sack anyone who dares to contradict him; he is amiable again... for his kind, Khrushchev is a demagogue, a performance unparalled by any politician in the world.

#### Apathy and Cynicism

The Party, fighting to retain its authority in Russia, beset by apathy and cynicism among

the old and middle-aged, by the vested interests of the managerial bureaucracy (which the industrial shake-up is intended to break), by the indifference of the general public to the remarkable awakening of the very young, clearly cannot do without this extraordinary figure. Khrushchev has made a sensational comeback. And while it is evident that he is in no position to dictate to his colleagues, it is equally plain that during this past winter there has been a bitter factional battle behind the scenes. The old guard, Molotov, Kaganovich and the rest) have lost; and Khrushchev has been back again, working with Mikoyan and Bulganin to placate the people of Russia and to get a breathing space for the development of their home policies by conciliation abroad.

## Safad Awakens from Slumber

By YESHAYAHU ASHET

ANCIENT Safad has awakened herself from her slumber. Her people, who have been the blood of the Hama-nous fiasco, stands at the gates with one iron determination: To hold out. To their country, they call: 'Return eagles of Galilee! Come back to your mountain eyrie! Shoulder to shoulder, we shall defend our city until victory is ours. Safad awaits you!'

I was reminded of this call in the Voice of Safad, the town's Hama-nous paper, during the dark siege days of December 1947, as I watched the laying, a fortnight ago, of the cornerstone for two buildings for the youth of Safad. One of them will be a public school, and the IL.60,000 which it will cost are to be shared by the Ministry of Education, Mifal Hapais, and the Municipality. The other is to be a IL.30,000 youth hostel in memory of Benjamin Hayman, who fell in the War of Liberation. It is being put up by the family of the deceased, the Prime Minister's Office and the Municipality.

Among the participants in the ceremonies, which took place on the same day were Supreme Court Justice Barish, a native of Safad, and Mr. Abraham Krintzki, the Mayor of Ramat Gan. The holiday mood suited the importance of the occasion, an event of unprecedented importance for the future of the town. 'Blessed be he who confirms the boundaries of a Jewish land,' I said to myself.

#### Paving and Planting

Building, paving and planting are going on in every corner of the town, and something should now be done in the old Sephardi Quarter. The residents of this section have managed to preserve its quaint atmosphere, and the houses that remain standing are neat, spick and span and painted a fresh blue. The ancient synagogue of the Ari has been restored. Unhappily, the appearance of this part of town, the only Jewish

Old City left in Israel after the partition of Jerusalem. The other worthy project would be the putting to good use of several large buildings given to the Jewish National Fund as a living legacy by Mrs. Sarah Levy, the elderly builder of her wonder estate atop Mt. Canaan. The big hotel, sold to the General Zionists, stands empty and abandoned with its dozens of rooms although Safad is in sore need of a secondary school building. The large cinema hall and a number of pavilions are also deserted. The Municipality would surely know what to do with all these but does not have the funds to acquire them.

Speaking of cinemas, improvements are also being carried out in Safad's two houses, Or and Talit ('Light' and 'Sound') but the ventilation there remains poor and it has been suggested that attendance would be boosted if the Municipality followed Hailf's example and passed an ordinance forbidding smoking in cinemas.

At the reception that was tendered to Mr. Krintzki during his visit to Safad, he was visible in his praise for what had been accomplished recently. 'There are two kinds of Mayors,' quipped Mr. Krintzki: 'those who do something and are criticized and those who do nothing and are praised. It's better to be criticized for having done something, I suppose. I was invited here so you could learn from me and I found myself learning from you. My stay here has taught me much.'

Mr. Haim Bar-Ilan, the manager of the Alei Tabak enterprise, which is planning to set up a tobacco centre in Safad, received a telegram from the Mayor, Mr. Hachon, recently, saying that the road leading to the site of the plant had been completed and that he had better get on with the building. 'Instead of my having to urge the Municipality to hurry up and build a road for me,' laughed Mr. Bar-Ilan, 'they do it and then tell me to get to work!'

That could be picked up at a French extras exchange. The result is still funny, but it would have been even funnier had Fernandel just told about his exploits as a courier on a small TV screen.

#### Rock n' Roll Travels

'THE Girl Can't Help It' (Orna, Jerusalem) offers a conducted tour to the hangouts of America's most distinguished Rock n' Roll bands. The somewhat accepted guide is Tom Ewell, accompanied by a young shaped Jayne Mansfield, quite good as a dumb blonde of the early Monroe type. The film is a very clever middle line, offering a hilarious parody to the opponents of Rock n' Roll without offending the musical epileptics. T.F.M.

## In Memoriam

# JAMES DE ROTHSCHILD

By M. A. NOVOMYNSKY

IT was with deep grief that I heard of the passing away of the great, devoted friend of Israel, James de Rothschild. Only a few months ago, during my last visit in London, I had spent nearly two hours in one of the pleasantest discussions I ever had with him. Mr. Elihu Elsh, our Ambassador in London, had told him about a book of mine which had just appeared in London and he was interested in it. So that was the subject on which the discussion started. I told him that my narrative ended with my arrival in Palestine in 1920, before I first had the pleasure of meeting him, but in my second book, if and when it was published, there would be much about him. He jumped from his chair and said angrily, 'No, I do not want it.' (Like his fa-

ther, he did not like publicity.) I replied, 'I have always tried to follow your advice—this time I shall not.' I would not even ask your permission.' I explained that the Jewish people all over the world were well acquainted with the name and activities of your father, but not with his son. I wanted them to know about your continued interest in the building of Israel and also how much you had helped during the many years of my fight for the Dead Sea Concession. He smiled, but did not say anything more, apparently reconciled to my indiscretion. We passed on to other subjects of discussion.

I first met James de Rothschild in 1921, when he came to this country on a visit several months in the country in 1918. When I was introduced to him in 1921 by the late Henry Frank, Baron Edmund de Rothschild's representative in Palestine, he subscribed some £5,000 to the project of a trade and transport company between Palestine and Transjordan via the Dead Sea which I was then planning. I had several talks with him then. He showed the greatest interest in Rotenberg's project, and indeed in every sign of initiative by others in the country. During the years of the struggle for the Dead Sea Concession, 1921 to 1929, every time I was in difficulty I called on him in London. My diaries for that period are full of notes on my meetings with him; some very characteristic of his deep interest and devotion to the rebuilding of Palestine. — I called on James Rothschild. Found him

sick in bed. Spent 1 1/2 hours. Was very friendly and said I should not hesitate to call again if I require him. In the late thirties, during his parliamentary career (1929-1945) I listened to one of his speeches from the gallery of the House of Commons. Those years of the Chamberlain Government were difficult days for Zionism. It was a great information and dignified speech to which the House listened with great attention.

In the last 25 years, after Palestine Potash started functioning in 1933, every time I went to London I called on Mr. de Rothschild. Our discussions had little or nothing to do with my company's affairs. His questions concentrated on events in Palestine, on developments and a great deal on personalities. He was a fisherman as well as their children, who had now grown up, from his early days in Palestine as Major de Rothschild. His memory was as remarkable as his deep interest in everything that went on in the country. Although he was kept informed of the political situation and our Government's policy by our present Ambassador in London, of whom he was very fond, he wanted to know more and more about Israel from everyone who called on him.

When he was in Jerusalem two years ago, and with his own reception in Israel. He was delighted to hear from me an account of the annual distribution of prizes to achievements in the applied sciences arranged by Mr. Rowe. P.I.C.A.'s representative in Haifa. Unfortunately his failing eyesight and the unsatisfactory state of his health after a car accident some years ago prevented him from visiting Israel more often, but his mental capacities and memory, his love for the country and interest in everything connected with Israel did not undergo change. This I noted particularly at my last memorial meeting with him, when, on hearing, he requested me to deliver a message to our Prime Minister. I suggested it would be better done through his own channels in Israel.

He ended his handwritten letter to me in November 1944, in reply to my letter of condolence on his father's death, with the words, 'My father has set me a great example, but one which will indeed be hard to follow.' But the continued great development of P.I.C.A.'s work in Israel under his leadership proved that the noble son had indeed followed the steps of his great father.



James de Rothschild (center) at a historic meeting in Jerusalem in 1921. From left is Sir Winston Churchill, the first High Commissioner, Viscount Samuel, and the late Abdullah, then Emir of the new state of Transjordan.

## At the Cinema

### WHY FILMS ARE CUT

THIS week we interviewed one of Israel's leading distributors about the many metres of film that we do not see in the cinema even after having paid for the privilege of viewing them—the problem of the almost-wanton mutilation of films in Israel by the exhibitors. The legal side is clear: the exhibitors plainly do not have the right to cut the films which they rent, but the distributors equally plainly have no intention to go to court about it.

However, the practical side of the problem is equally clear: The distributors do not cut the films down because they are sadists, but simply because the ushers union contract provides for double pay for every minute a programme exceeds two hours. This is the reason why many excellent shorts, documentaries and travelogues are never shown in Israel.

Would all the cultural institutions that are rightly incensed about film mutilation join forces in a demand for the trade union to amend the contract so that only a 25 per cent surcharge would be payable for the first half hour exceeding the statutory

120 minutes, film-cutting would cease immediately, the distributor claimed. After all, neither distributors nor exhibitors are happy about it. A conducted tour to the hangouts of America's most distinguished Rock n' Roll bands. The somewhat accepted guide is Tom Ewell, accompanied by a young shaped Jayne Mansfield, quite good as a dumb blonde of the early Monroe type. The film is a very clever middle line, offering a hilarious parody to the opponents of Rock n' Roll without offending the musical epileptics. T.F.M.

## Legal Rights Made Clear Today

ALL papers discussing Mr. Nasser's hostility to Israel would agree that the visit of the Egyptian Minister of Agriculture to Israel, according to Omer (Histadrut), is important in that it will now show the world what has been the Egyptian attitude towards the Jewish people and his allies have been able to mislead the Arab world because of the West's fear to speak out against a ruler trying to cover himself with the fig-leaf of 'anti-imperialism.'

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#### Yesterday's Press

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As for the Director, his attitude indicates that he is apologetic for war against organized labour, and his claim that he cannot accept Histadrut wage policy because it will adversely affect production has no basis in fact. Herut finds that the strike is an unjustified 'prestige struggle.' Since labour disputes affect not only the enterprise and the workers concerned but the entire national economy, the Minister of Labour should step in and summon both sides to arbitration. The Ats Ma'amant has indicated its resolve to fight to the last while the Haifa Labour Council has set up a strike fund, a sign of a protracted struggle.

## KEEPING POSTED

IT is reported from Friday morning's meeting of the Prime Minister and other members of the Government with Mr. Hammarskjöld that the atmosphere was lively rather than frosty. Among those present was the Chief of Staff, it seems that Mr. Ben-Gurion wanted to know why the U.N. had permitted the Egyptians to go back into the Gaza Strip. Mr. Hammarskjöld replied, more in sorrow than in anger:

'I replied that did not follow in the least, but if it did, I should not regard it as derogatory. "Next he said that it suggested he came from a small, remote island, presumably another derogatory suggestion. I pointed out that Napoleon also came from a small, remote island, but abstained from mentioning that the Chief Justice, Shas, and myself came from yet another one. Moreover, my information was a whole group of islands, like the Caribbean. Chief Justice: A group of very small islands. Anyway, it's more than twenty years since Mr. Bourke was there. Charles Foley: It's simply a picturesque touch. I might call him an Everest Man if he'd taken part in an Everest expedition twenty years ago; that wouldn't mean he'd spent his life there alongside the Abominable Snowman. Chief Justice: Most people just look at the headline and read no further; that's how they get the wrong impression. Why couldn't you just have written 'New Chief Justice is appointed'?' Charles Foley: If the sub-editor had written that, most people might well have read no further. The technique of modern papers is to write headlines which persuade them to read on to the end, if possible. In that respect, this was a good headline. "HERE, for the first time, Mr. Justice Shas spoke: Mr. Bourke is a personal

friend of mine, so I can give you his opinion now. I know he thinks the same way as I do, and as I don't think he would either. "Deferring to Shas with the utmost respect, I asked the Chief Justice to make any reasonable suggestion. "After a pause of minutes, he replied that he didn't want to dictate what I put in the paper, but it might be sufficient to put in a piece saying that Bourke was NOT a native of the Seychelles, as he had taken no part in the administration. "This is more tactful terms, I did next day."

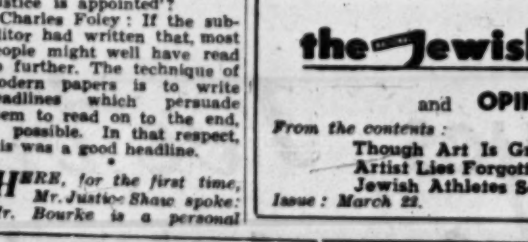


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#### the Jewish Post

and OPINION

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#### Barzilai Accuses WHO Of Anti-Israel Bias

The Minister of Health, Mr. Y. Barzilai, declared yesterday in an interview with ITM that there was little immediate prospect of a radical change in the anti-Israel bias adopted by the World Health Organization in the Middle East.

The Minister, who returned yesterday by air from Geneva, where he led the Israeli delegation to the annual W.H.O. conference, added that Israel's position had found many sympathizers among the delegates. However, the next meeting of the W.H.O. Regional Subcommittee will be held in Alexandria and Israel will not be invited.

He stressed that the lack of co-operation between Israel and her neighbours was the chief obstacle in effectively combating the various diseases prevalent in the region.

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF ISRAEL

WATER To make the Desert bloom is one of this country's main objectives. The Yarkon-Negev line alone already carries 90 million cubic metres of water which irrigate 100,000 dunam of thirsty Negev soil. Israel's annual water supply has risen from 300 million cubic metres in 1948 to 1,000 million cubic metres to-day.

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